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1. Eleven single-seater jet fighters with swept-back wings, high rudder assemblies slanting to the rear, [redacted] and seven two-seater conventional fighters with radial engines were parked at the Brandis (N 52° 31') airfield on 1 August 1950. No flights were made between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. The fighter trainers were used for practice flights after 2 p.m. Tank trucks, radio trucks, fire trucks, and several trucks and passenger cars were standing at the take-off point. The billets at the field, which had a capacity of about 2,000 men, were occupied by only about 250 officers and men. *

2. Sixteen jet fighters with swept-back wings and three two-seater, conventional fighters with radial engines were seen at the field on 3 August 1950. The

There was much flying with individual conventional and jet fighters in the afternoon. Sixteen jet fighters took off at 3:15 p.m. for a formation flight. They had not returned at 4:30 p.m.

* Comment. The report confirms the assumption that the field was occupied by one fighter unit. The regiment is equipped with type 11, jet planes and apparently also with Yak-11s for training. Not more than 18 jet planes have been observed at the field since May 1950. Since the interior of the hangars were not seen it cannot be determined whether some of the planes stationed at the field prior to May 1950 have been transferred. According to the present report only about 250 men are stationed at the field, whereas about 500 men, 30 jet planes and 30 conventional fighters were reported in May 1950.

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